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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN L. E. PELL and EDWARD L. C. CLARK, citizens of the United States, residing at Great Barrington, Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hockey-Game Apparatus, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved portable and collapsible game apparatus for simulating upon a small scale a game of hockey.

In carrying out this invention we provide a field to represent ice, preferably of a fabric such as oil-cloth, which in view of its slippery surface is well adapted for the use. To opposite sides of the field we secure side boundary-strips, with which detachable end strips may engage to form a stretching-frame for the field. We prefer to attach to the field a pair of goal-devices near each end upon a line marked upon the field. Miniature hockey-sticks and a miniature puck may be used to play the game, each player being provided with a stick. The rules, as in all games of this character, may be as desired by the individual players, and attempt should be made to make them conform as nearly as possible to those of the real game.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the field, boundaries, and goal of this invention. Fig. 2 is a section across the field and side boundary-strips. Fig. 3 is a view of the game as rolled up in portable condition, and Fig. 4 is a view of one of the implements used in the game.

As shown in the drawings, the field 1 of fabric is secured at opposite edges to two boundary-strips 2, which in this instance constitute the side boundaries. Each strip 2 is formed forked at both ends, and at the inner end of the forked portion a threaded nut 3 is permanently secured. End strips 4, each provided at both ends with a rotatable screw 5, are secured to the side strips by causing the screws 5 to engage the nuts 3.

Parallel to the end strips upon the field 1 we prefer to mark a distinguishing guide or a foul-line, upon which near the center we secure two blocks or goals 6.

A puck 7 is put into play as in the ordinary game of hockey by players each provided with the miniature sticks 8. (Shown in Fig. 4.) When not in use, the entire game apparatus may be rolled up into a compact bundle, as shown in Fig. 3, by simply loosening the screws and rolling the puck and strips and sticks into the center of a bundle constituted by the side strips and the field.

We claim as our invention—

The herein-described game apparatus consisting of a field composed of a sheet of fabric, two opposite boundary-strips secured to said fabric, two removable boundary-strips, and means for securing them at the ends to the 65 strips secured to the fabric, raised goal-pieces secured to the fabric at a distance from the boundary-strips in combination with a puck and an implement to propel the same.

Signed at Great Barrington, Massachusetts, this 11th day of April, 1905.

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